

### REMARKS

Claims 1-39 were pending in this application. Claims 8, 10, 12, 22, and 24-38 are cancelled. Claims 1, 11, 13-21, and 23 are currently amended. Claims 2-7, 9, and 39 are original. Claims 40-49 are new. No new matter has been introduced.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-21, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,547 (Lawless) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,224,895 (Franz) and U.S. Pat. No. 6,010,387 (Nemec). Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-11, 13-20 and 39 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nemec in view of Lawless and Franz.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 12 and 10. The Examiner has identified claim 12 as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, i.e., claim 10. (*See* Office Action of August 25, 2004). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn. Furthermore, in view of the amendments to claim 1, Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 11, 13, 16-21 and 39 are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

The Examiner rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shepard, Franz and Nemec in further view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,603,504 (Powell), and U.S. Pat. No. 5,664,780 (Bricker). The Examiner also rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawless, Franz and Nemec in further view of Powell and Bricker, and as being unpatentable over Nemec, Lawless and Franz in further view of Powell and Bricker.

Applicants submit that the rejection, based on the Shepard reference, is improper since Shepard is overcome, as acknowledged by the examiner at page 2 of the office action of February 3, 2006. Furthermore, Applicants submit that claim 23 is allowable as depending from claim 1, i.e., an allowable base claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Referring to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, at page 7, the Examiner has identified claim 12 as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As discussed above, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 12 and intervening claim 10. Applicants have also amended claim 1 to remove the basis weight limitation, i.e. "having a basis weight of less than about 4 ounces per square yard" originally included in that claim. It is the Applicants understanding that limitation is not essential to the patentability of claim 1, based at least in part on the Examiner's observation that "[t]he prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest applying the loop fabric for a hook and loop fastener directly to the flute regions of a corrugated core." (Office Action of August 25, 2004, page 8). Claims 2-7, 9, 11, 13-21, 23, 39 and 40 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

Applicants have also added new claims 41-49, which are believed to incorporate the salient aspects of original claim 12 (identified by the Examiner as being allowable). Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 41-49 are patentable for at least the reasons stated by the Examiner with respect to original claim 12.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct the telephonic interview on April 4, 2006.

In view of the above, the pending claims are believed to meet the formal requirements for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a \$1,020 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 05918-133002.

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